



Missouri May Wheat Forecast



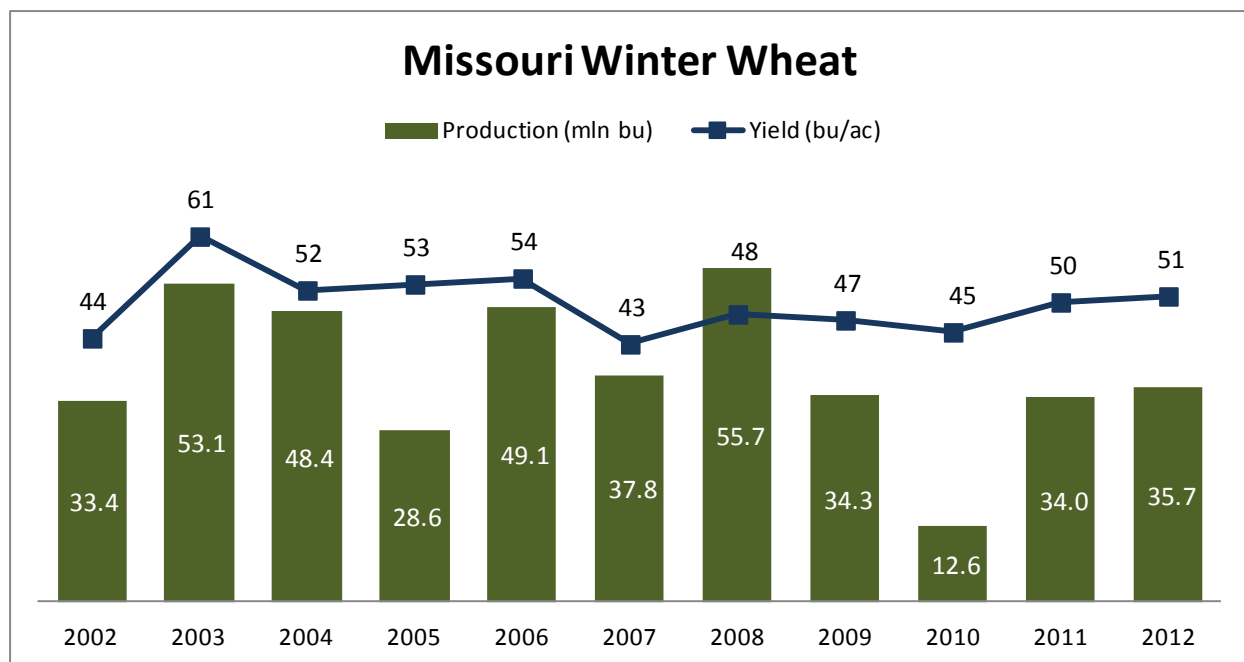
Missouri Field Office - 601 Business Loop 70 West, Suite 240 - Columbia, MO 65203

800-551-1014 - www.nass.usda.gov

Missouri Wheat Production Forecast Higher

COLUMBIA, MO - **Missouri** production of **winter wheat** is forecast at 35.7 million bushels, based on conditions as of May 1, 2012, 5 percent above last year's production and 183 percent above the 2010 crop. Yields in the State are expected to average 51 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from the 2011 yield and 6 bushels per acre above 2010. Harvested acres are forecast at 700,000 acres, up 20,000 acres from last year and 420,000 acres from 2010.

"Wheat maturity has been three to four weeks ahead of normal statewide after a mild winter and spring, with an unusually warm March," said Robert Garino, Acting Director, Missouri Agricultural Statistics. "The current 94 percent headed is higher than any year we have on record back to 1981. The current 69 percent of the crop rated good to excellent is as high as it has been since 2004 and the second highest on record."



Across the state, wheat harvested acres are expected to be lower in the southeast part of state this year versus last year, while increasing in the northern half of the state. Likewise, yields are expected lower in the southeast compared to last year and higher in the northern half.

(Continue on back.)

Missouri Wheat Production and Yield by District

AREA	ACRES PLANTED (1000s)		ACRES HARVESTED (1000s)		YIELD (bu/acre)		PRODUCTION (1000s)	
	2011	2012*	2011	2012*	2011	2012*	2011	2012*
NW	37	53	32.4	49	46.3	57.0	1,500	2,800
NC	54	51	47.5	47	44.2	51.0	2,100	2,400
NE	74	86	66.2	79	48.3	56.0	3,200	4,400
WC	82	96	74.3	90	47.1	52.0	3,500	4,700
C	78	68	67.0	59	44.8	51.0	3,000	3,000
EC	59	57	51.5	53	48.5	51.0	2,500	2,700
SW	109	116	98.6	103	47.7	47.0	4,700	4,800
SC	14	18	9.0	11	44.4	46.0	400	500
SE	283	225	233.5	209	56.1	50.0	13,100	10,400
STATE	790	770	680	700	50.0	51.0	34,000	35,700

* May 1 Forecast

U.S. Wheat Production Up. United States winter wheat production is forecast at 1.69 billion bushels, up 13 percent from 2011. The area expected to be harvested for grain or seed totals 35.6 million acres, up 10 percent from last year. Based on May 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 47.6 bushels per acre, up 1.4 bushels from last year.

Missouri Hay Stocks Lowest Since 2008. May 1 hay stocks in Missouri are estimated at 1.025 million tons, 16 percent of the 2011 production. This is down 23 percent from last year at this time and the smallest since 900 thousand tons in 2008. Drought conditions in much of the state last year contributed to the lowest hay production in the state since 1988. Lower cattle inventories kept usage down and supplies from declining further.

The May wheat yield and production forecast and the hay supply estimates are based on a farm operator survey conducted by the Missouri Field Office of USDA-NASS. The farm operator survey was conducted primarily by telephone with some use of mail, internet and personal interviewers.

Link to the US report: <http://usda01.library.cornell.edu/usda/current/CropProd/CropProd-05-10-2012.pdf>

Link to USDA-NASS website: www.nass.usda.gov